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CURRENT COMMENT.

A FALLING OFF IN AMERICAN IMMIGRATION

Hon. Frank Oliver's Explanation of the Fact

Hon. Frank Oliver in the course of an interview at Winnipeg noted the fact that there had been a slight decrease in the number of the immigration from the United States. There were three reasons for this, he said:

"The first reason," is the unexpected severity of the past winter, which has scared a considerable number of people away who would otherwise have flocked northward. This year the seeding in several of the states was nearly six weeks ahead of that in Canada, and the people came to the conclusion that it is not the normal state of affairs.

"The second reason is this: The people who would emigrate to Canada from the states are those who have small farms but would come here to invest the money secured by the sale of their farms in a greater number of acres than they could get elsewhere. The loss of 100,000 acres was a strong cause. Now, several people in the United States have taken advantage of this, and are becoming the pan-handle of Texas for all they are worth. They advertise that they can sell land there for \$5 an acre and that land in Canada will cost \$10 an acre and by this means they have managed to start quite a considerable southwest movement. This movement has assumed considerable proportions, but many people say that it will not last long, as the Texas land is dry, and as for productivity is not in line with the land for settling Canada.

"The third reason is caused by the recent legislation which enforces two cent rates in many of the states, chiefly in the northern ones. They have decided that if they can't get things here that they will go elsewhere. This has put an end to our exodus from there to the Canadian West. The majority of the southern states the two cent law has not been passed, and so they still have cheap exodus to the pan-handle of Texas.

"So you see that we are getting him all around, and it is most creditable that we are holding our own as well as we are with the three fold cause hindering us. But I consider the present situation encouraging, and an industry well satisfied with the outlook.

If the third reason given in the above interview by Hon. Frank Oliver for the falling off of American immigration is correct and we think it is, it makes a serious reflection on the action of the Dominion Government last winter when it failed to enact the two cent rate in the Dominion as advocated by W. F. McLean. The three cent rate which our own Dr. McEwen fathered and which has been the subject of much inspired laudation in the press, seems to be a lion in the way of American immigration. If the American can travel for two cents a mile in his own country he will not likely come here and pay three.

The contention that the southern states have not adopted the two cent rate is quite true, but they have a two and one quarter cent rate and only the other day the management of one of these roads raised \$10,000 for charging over two and one quarter cents to the purchaser of a ticket. Canadians have a good right to a two cent rate as their co-terminous the border, and there is no reason in the world outside the House of Commons lobby, why they should not have it.

The severity of last winter has had its effect. The money stringency is a great factor, because the American farmers who want to come here cannot find purchasers for their homes there on account of it. The railway tariff is an obstacle, and the postal arrangements by the Canadian newspaper circulation in the States is curtailed is another reason why settlers are not coming in as rapidly as formerly.

On Friday evening a gentleman called at this office and informed us that he had just received letters at the local post office. One was posted at London, Ontario, on July 12th, reached Strathcona on July 12th, and was placed in his box on Aug. 2nd. The other, which was written by the same person, was posted in

the same place on July 20th, arrived in Strathcona on Aug. 2nd, and was delivered in his box on that date. He called at the post office every week day, is the only man in the city of his Christian and surname, and it prepared to establish the above facts before any official in the Post Office Department. We presume the narration of this case will bring down on our head another shower of "police" abuse from the pen of the assassin or assassins whose scumblings produced the false accusations of last Tuesday in a local paper.

The Albertan in discussing what is pleased to call a "Fall Out" between the two nations newspaper, says, "The cause of the trouble is hard to find."

The cause is not hard to find. The cause is the right of every newspaper to criticize the post office service. We had not then, nor have we now, any personal or political feeling against any one connected with the institution. They may as well be brought voluntarily to our notice. Every one came from a responsible source and every complaint has been shown to be true.

Our contemporary rushed to the editor of the post office went behind the Chronicle to make a personal attack on the editor, dragged in the editor of the House of Trade and made a most incoherent and futile attempt to answer the Chronicle, by calling vile names. "That is the cause of the 'fall out.' We are led to believe on good authority that the editor of our local contemporary did not write the stuff but lent his columns to an ass, yet by his unskillful scribbling attempts to perpetrate the attack.

The Liberal papers are pointing with considerable pride to the great success of the last session in revenue secured for the most part on liquor, tobacco and cigars, it is but natural that an increased production will produce an increased revenue. If the Temperance Liberal can extract any sunshine from this cucumber he is welcome to it.

In regard to the expenses by which it is shown that in 1895-96 the Government spent \$1,000,000 more than it received. The Liberal Government in 1906 only \$837,138 to collect \$1,003,907. It may be easily shown that the comparison is not adverse to either Immense extensions have been made to the plants of several of the large distilleries by which their products have been vastly increased, but no additional officers were necessary to supervise this production, as it is how much more cheaply the revenue same applies to the production of it to its finish it is merely run into tanks and stored until needed for use. The same staff practically supervises the shipment now as formerly. (The beer, cigars and malt). The question for the people is not so much how much more cheaply the revenue was collected than formerly, but whether or not it was as cheaply collected as it could have been, whether the Department still maintains the usual appendages it had in the way of inept and incompetent, headless, friends of members and relatives of inspectors—the foolish and feign of political waves, thrown on the friendly shore of party charity, contributed by the people.

COMMON SENSE NEEDED

(Goodrich Signal Light.)

The Calgary Daily News (McGill's paper) has some uncomplimentary things to say of the Post Office Department, especially in regard to its treatment of newspapers. It says:

The trouble at Ottawa is that there is too much red tape in connection with the department, and the machine will never run properly until a minister will be appointed who has the initiative and sense to use a pair of shears to cut the red tape instead of wasting time in the vain endeavor to undo the knots that have been tied all over the service."

The Signal has had some dealings with the postal authorities, and it has an idea that what is needed in the department at Ottawa is an injection of common sense.

THE ALL-RED ROUTE (Canada)

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at the Dominion Day banquet has produced an excellent impression throughout Great Britain and it now seems highly probable that the Canadian ideal of "an all-red line encircling the earth" will be realized in the near future. The Prime Minister hit upon a most effective argument when he reminded his hearers that only five years ago the British Parliament undertook heavy financial responsibilities in order to assist a steamship line plying between Great Britain and the United States, and asked the British people to do as much for their fellow-subjects in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand as they had done for foreigners. To judge by the way in which the leading British journals whatever their political coloring, have endorsed this and his other arguments in favour of the project, we should not be surprised if the British electorate are now convinced of its feasibility.

It goes without saying that there will be no objection to the proposed all-British route from the Unionist party, which is now committed to the policy of Imperial Preference in all its practicable forms. A like unanimity is not to be expected from the party led by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, which consists of a number of groups whose differences are now revealed by a change of election—e.g., the amusing four-cornered duel at Jarrold. Some of the Labour M.P.'s still uphold the relief of the unemployed, and other schemes of social reform, which, as a matter of fact, deal only with the more obvious symptoms of a deep-seated economic disease, only to be eradicated by a change of fiscal policy. But several of the more intelligent Liberal leaders now see that emigration is the only palliative of the evils of unemployment, and do not deny that Canada has greatly benefited the working-classes of the Mother Country by providing a "way out" from hopeless poverty to all willing workers and organizing the agricultural labour market. Such was Mr. John Burns no longer cherishes the old foolish antipathy to Canada and the Canadian Emigrant.

Which, however, is still a factor in the Little-Englandism of the Socialist wing of the Labour party. The Nationalists, again, are not at all likely to oppose the subsidizing of all allured routes, providing Ireland be made a link in the chain. Speaking at the Dominion Day banquet, Mr. Bannerman said: "Ireland lies on the glorious Dominion of Canada," and there is no reason to doubt the truth of this statement. If a railway were made a part on the line there would be a focus of economic development in Western Ireland—a thing that does not exist at present in that poverty-stricken section of the island—and Canada would obtain a vast increase in the number of Irish emigrants, who, as Mr. Bruce Walker has pointed out, are so quick to adapt themselves to the conditions of a new country. Finally, it would appear that the great majority of the Liberal members of the British House of Commons are not opposed to the project. It is true that a few philosophical radicals might stigmatize the suggested subsidy as "preposterous extravagance," and discern therein an attempt to subvert the sacred principle of free trade. But what, in the name of Cobden, has the development of lines of communication to do with the principles of Free Trade—so called? Why is it less orthodox to spend public money on transatlantic routes than on metropolitan tramways? Fortunately, Messrs. Harold Cox, Wedgwood, and the other high-society advocates of an uncommercial laissez-faire, who are more detested by the two groups of Labour M.P.'s than any other section of the House of Commons, cannot hope to enforce their objections. If it is proved as a Government measure—and the Government is practically committed to this course—there can be no doubt that the vote of an adequate subsidy would go through by an immense majority. The only danger is that the pressure of domestic politics may prevent the proper consideration of the project. However, "members for Canada" in the Commons and Lord Statens in the Upper House, can be relied upon to see that legislators do not lose sight of it for a moment.

Many Liberals have expressed approval of various proposals to strengthen the Empire by the improvement of the all-British trade routes, even if subsidies are necessary at the outset. Thus, in "Canada and the Empire," written by E.S. Montague and Lord Herbert (the former is now Liberal member for a Cambridge constituency), and published three years ago, we find the following passage:

"The Transatlantic passenger traffic is to a very large extent in the hands of the lines sailing to United States ports, although the steamship line from Halifax or St. John to British ports is far shorter. There can be little doubt that fast steamers

plying from one of these Canadian ports would attract a large number of passengers to whom either time or a short sea journey is of importance.

The Atlantic, that such lines of steamers give to trade, is of course well known, and is an extra inducement towards any such project. There is a strong desire in Canada for good lines of steamers running to Canadian ports capable of competing with the line that now run to United States ports; it is felt that sufficient use is not being made of Canada's geographical advantages. It is not surprising, therefore, that Canadians view adversely the heavy subsidies given by Great Britain to ships plying to New York, when half that subsidy, in conjunction with what Canada would have to offer, would probably have been sufficient to start a fast Canadian line. We do not suggest that Britain should withdraw her support from the competitive steam subsidies, but committed as she is to the practice of giving or in subsidizing it would seem better to Imperial trade and strengthen the Imperial connection, if it is practicable, she were to contribute to improving those lines which ply between Britain and Canadian ports." This anticipates one of Sir Wilfrid's most telling arguments.

His book from which the passage is taken strongly attacks the "states of Imperial Preference, and was much used by Free-Trade candidates as an arsenal of arguments at the last General Election. It is to be said that all those who are now in the House will support the alternative to preferential trade arrangements in the Cambridgehire member, when it comes up for formal discussion.

A MAN MAY SMILE AND SMILE

Toronto Telegram

Cynical, smiling, shallow—these are the faults that explain the moral decay of Canadian Liberalism under Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

A stage smile, that occasionally changes to a pensive frown, has served as a mask for the cynical, shallow and shallow understanding of the Liberal leader.

A fine earnestness glowed in a halo around the hero head of Wilfrid Laurier in opposition.

Earnestness ceased to glow when success supplanted millinery apparently better suited to Sir Wilfrid Laurier's style of beauty than the halo of a heroic face that ennobled his brow in opposition.

Earnestness, which had been the whole stock-in-trade of Liberalism in opposition, became accused of Laurier in office.

Liberalism went into office because, as the country as the liberal of principle.

The apostle fervor of Laurier in opposition changed to the smiling cynicism of Laurier in office.

The whole character of Canadian Liberalism degenerated in that change. Laurier who had pretended to be in earnest, ceased even to pretend. Earnestness was banished from Ottawa, in fact, earnestness was chased out of the character of Canada's Liberalism by the shallow cynicism of the "Laurier smile."

CHRONKES

The Donkeys have expressed the determination to take their triumph to the foot of the throne of King Edward VII. They could have saved Sir MacBride's three-month if they had been at the same time as Dick McBride. The King is a busy man these days and can often save a little time by killing two birds with one stone.

A lady in Oxford, Ont., celebrated her 100th birthday recently. The average age of 11 of the guests was over eighty. These people ought to be commemorated with, perhaps they could tell "How old was Ann?"

Dr. Kleiz, of the Dominion Observatory at Ottawa, reports some slight earth quake tremors there July 26. It is a singular coincidence that it was about that date that the Post Office department woke up and granted the Chronicle the usual statutory postal privileges.

A temple to the God of Peace has been erected at the Hague. Now watch the European armaments increase and the diplomats get busy.

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PHONE 14A

Kindness of the Company.

By TRAY ALLISON.

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The telephone bell rang, and the first manager of the Possible Accident Insurance company put the receiver to his ear with one hand and a silver yawn with the other.

"Yes, yes," he answered, then suddenly on the alert at the reply, "rain road accident five miles east of Syra-ene? Has our policy in her pocket? Is dangerous condition? Unconscious, you say? All right! I will look up policy 1984 immediately and communicate with friends."

He suddenly remembered that it was the luncheon hour, and for the moment the face consisted of only himself and the office boy.

"Come here, Tim," he called to the other, "my representative. Tell me down this desk and the telephone while I hunt up the cards in the case."

"No, 1984—Louise Bradley, aged twenty-four—aphasia—no near relatives—beneficiary, St. John's church, Galveston, Tex."

"Triumph! Seems there is no one to notify," he muttered perplexedly. "Galveston is decidedly distant, and the church board might have to hold a session before it could come to her aid. Seems queer for a girl of twenty-four to have no relatives at all—just snatched up with the Galveston flood. I suppose."

He gazed at the card abstractedly, wondering the best course to pursue. For the company was supposed to be able to cope with anything unexpected that might arise. If there were no relatives to notify, it would at least be that she had proper medical attention.

"I'll go myself—too much business is losing me to death—first accident we've recorded today." And as he later Richard Hartleigh, representing the Possible Accident Insurance company, boarded a train that would put him into Syracuse in two hours.

When the rancher the improved hospital, a farmhouse whose doors had been closed for many years.

"Dick, you'll stay," she insisted, been thrown open to the sufferers, the doctor in charge took him to Louise Bradley.

"I'm afraid this will be the worst case," he said. "Seems like something of the brain. We'll see that everything possible is done for her."

Hartleigh looked pityingly at the still life of a girl, her head bandaged and her face flushed with fever. "She's an orphan—no relatives—poor little thing!" And he touched her hand gently.

The girl's fingers clasped his, and she opened her eyes unexpectedly.

"Dick, you'll stay," she began, breathlessly—"you'll not leave me alone!"

"I'll stay," he said, "but I can't stay down here. You're a favorite lady, but you're a little girl. I'll stay."

It was not until the doctor and the trained nurse arrived from town an hour later that he unclipped his fingers gently and left her.

He walked up and down the meadow path smoking quietly.

"I wonder," he exclaimed finally, "who is thunder Dick?"

The doctor says you are doing finely. He tucked a rose around her face and put an extra cushion for her back. "Genuinely, this accident policy business is a fascinating," he jumped in beside her and started the machine.

"I had no idea an insurance company did so much for people," she laughed. "It has paid doctor's bills, sent flowers and fruit and come down twice a week to see how the policy holder was getting on—and lots of things."

Hartleigh chuckled rather sheepishly. "The flowers and fruit were little extra touches thrown in," he explained.

When he came the next week, he found her strong enough to ramble down the meadow path with him, and they finally sat on the fallen log in the creek to rest.

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524 up

LOST—Silver watch with these case on. Inscribed on inside cover as follows: "Hayes Industrial School, Marcus Sewell Prize awarded to L. Himmelsheim for best kept garden 1906."—Howard at Chronicle office.

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Poundkeeper

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